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**PHYSICIANS ADVISORY**

**Use of Pfizer-BioNTech Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccine**

Dear Physician,

As a healthcare provider, your patients value your recommendations to improve and maintain their health. These recommendations influence their decisions to obtain healthcare. As outbreaks for COVID-19 continue to affect our communities, it is important to utilize all tools available in combating this pandemic. Therefore, we would like to remind you of the importance of highlighting the necessity of vaccination.

On December 11, 2020, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued the first emergency use authorization (EUA) of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to prevent COVID-19. We encourage you and your staff to get vaccinated to reduce the occupational risk of infection and prevent the transmission of the COVID-19 virus to your patients.

The Department of Public Health and Social Services plans to begin vaccination on Thursday, December 17, at Okkodo High School in Dededo, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vaccination will continue at Okkodo High School on Friday, December 18, and Saturday, December 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The initial doses received will be offered to individuals that meet the criteria under Phase 1A (healthcare personnel) at this site.

For more information, you may contact the Immunization Program at 735-7143.

  
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